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Hitchcock Made Investigation,

take charge of the office today.

As stated in these dispatches some time ago, objection was made to the appointment of Watson and Snider as soon as the delegation's actions became known, not because of any particular shortcoming on their part, but because the individuals preferring charges believed that better men could be selected. At the request of the President Secretary Hitchcock looked into the records of the men named, and satisfied himself that they were qualified to fill the office, and were a decided improvement on the men now in. In view of his finding, and the great desire to get rid of Brattain and Balley, it was decided to postpone the controversy no onger, and the wishes of the delegation were carried out, that is, the wishes of all save Congressman Hermann, who had asked for Brattain's retention. The President did not discuss with the

Secretary other land office appointments in Oregon, and it is possible that no action will be taken regarding the indorsement of A. W. Gowan as successor to Receiver Charles Newell, at Burns, until after Congress convenes. The delegation has recommended no successors to the and officials at Roseburg.

SEATTLE FIRM GETS IT. **Contractor** Is Awarded for Public

Building in That City.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 12 .- The Secretary of the Treasury today awarded to Megrath & Dupamel, of Seattle, the contract for erecting the Seattle public building at a cost of \$605,000. The contract calls for Chuckanut sandstone, which was the cheapest material mentioned in the several bids of this firm. Their bid was acceptedenot only because it was the lowest bid submitted, but because it was the only one received which enables the department to authorize a contract with the funds available. The contract, however, is conditional and the department announces that it

will ask Congress at the coming session to appropriate \$60,000 additional for the Seattle building in order that peerless granite may be substituted for Chucka. nut stone. It is realized that this appropriation can be made in advance of the time when the contractors are ready to proceed with the superstructure. If the additional appropriation is authorized that amount will be added to the contractors' figure, if not construction

New Washington Rural Routes. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

Ington, Oct. 12 .- Rural routes will be established in Washington November 16, as follows: Farmington, Whitman County, one carrier; Mondovi, Lincoln County, one carrier; Rosalle, Whitman County, one carrier; St. John, Whitman County, one carrier; Spangle, Spokane County, one

Final Moscow Bank Dividend, OREGONIAN NEWS EUREAU, Washington, Oct. 12-The Controller of the Currency has declared a final dividend of 14.4 per cent in favor of creditors of

ans' Union, or, as it has now come to be familiarly known, the battlemen's division. The first business session of the encampment will be held at Music Hall to-morrow morning. The Women's Veteran passed," says he. "It is right that this passed," says he. "It is right that this Relief Union, an auxiliary union, will also timber should be cut and used commerbe in session simultaneously. The main feature of the encampment will be the smoker at Music Hall on Wednesday and the "bean bake" at the Galt House Thursday evening.

annual encampment of the Union Veter-

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N. Watson, of Paisley, and C. U. Snider, time of their lives. Naturally, we scent of Lakeview, are appointed Register and Receiver, respectively, at Lakeview, Page 1. collusion, and all the claims are held for further inquiry. mmissioner Riohards will urge modification of timber and stone acts to heat speculators. Page 1.

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being taken advantage of by speculators ticket as a candidate for re-election. who are getting rich at the expense of the Government, and of the men for

but I believe the present law is defective

and should be repealed. The Government

has more timber land than all the lumber

companies own together, and it would not

be just to put a fence about the forests

"When one observes the character of

is needed to convince him that these

lands are being taken up for the benefit

the individual claimants. For example, a

carload of people will leave Michigan,

cross the continent and scatter in the

hills of Oregon. Immediately we will re-

ceive claims for 160 acres of land, the

number of claims corresponding exactly

Where Law Is Defective.

"The law, however, is so drawn that it

is impossible for us to do much. All

that is required is that the claimant

shall have seen the property in question

an intention to live on and cultivate the

the sale. The law does not require that

he shall swear that he is taking the

"It is difficult to propose a suitable and

well to apply certain of the homestead re-

before he becomes the owner. This pro-

vision makes it impracticable for a man

to take out a claim for merely speculative

homestead law which are giving us

trouble and which should be corrected

also. For example, the commutation

and forbid cutting.

YELLOW FEVER SPREADING

regoman.

Texas Doctors, However, Belleve the End Not Far Off.

contest to keep his name on the fusion

cially, but the Government should get an LAREDO, Tex., Oct. 12 .- During the past adequate return for parting with its 24 hours there has been a larger number of yellow fever cases than on any day since the outbreak of the epidemic here. property. Matured timber should be cut when ripe, therefore, I would not favor a law that proposed to cut off all sales,

The physicians, however, are not surprised at the large number of cases today, and concur in the opinion that it may be but the beginning of the end. The official bulletin of the health department issued tonight follows: New cases, 35; deaths, 0; total number cases to date, 245; total deaths to date, 10,

The official report from Minerva, a min ing town, 28 miles from this city, shows that there have been 25 cases during the day, with no deaths. The total number of claims that are being filed," continued Commissioner Richards, "little argument cases to date at Minerva is 61 with three deaths. of syndicates and corporations and not

Reports from Monterey covering the past week received today indicate that af-fairs have taken a serious turn. On last Wednesday there were four deaths and six new cases of fever, and on Thursday seven deaths occurred and nine cases termed "suspicious" were reported. On Saturday four deaths occurred, one new case of genuine fever developed and six

suspects were reported. The spread of the disease is said by some physicians to be due to the unfavorable weather. Reports from Linares, Mexico, state that the disease has been practically stamped out at that place. Word from Victoria states that the yellow fever epi-

femic in that city is gradually disappear-

MORE RAIDS TO COME.

Ing.

Good Portion of Chinese Taken by Immigration Officials Secure Ball,

BOSTON, Oct. 12 .- Of the 298 Chinamer and be able to pay for it at the rate of gathered in by the immigration authori-tics in the big raid in the Chinese district \$2.59 an acre. No prior residence in the state is exacted, and no declaration of yesterday, all but is had secured at least temporary liberty by tonight. All through last night and today the machinery at the ground. The claimant can pay his money, Federation building was kept in motion, and one by one friends of the prisoners secure a patent and sell the land the next day. And we have no menas of blocking

gathered with the necessary registration papers until only 113 prisoners remained in the detention penitentiary. Of the H3 arraigned, 38 were balled in 509 each and 75 were committed to the \$500 each and 75 Charles-Street Jail, They will in turn appear before United States Commissioner Fisk to decide whether they shall be deported to China.

orrect remedy. Some think it would be During the investigation today, a phase of the raid came up when Colonel quirements, where the claimant must Stephen W. Nickerson, Imperial Vice Consul of the Chinese Empire, appeared and have lived on the property for five years challenged the rights and methods of the He said he had telegraphed an officers. account of the raid with his views upon the methods employed to the officials at purposes. But there are features of the Washington

No further raids were made tonight, but No further raids were made tonight, but the police believe many more arrests will be made before the movement against the ly granted to Russia by Corea, be made before the movement against the Chinese is ended.

Cars for Lumber and Shingles,

SEATTLE, Oct. 12 .- The Northern Pacific officials have been notified that the Burlington will immediately begin turning over cars at Billings to be used in handling shipments of lumber and shingles. This action of the Burlington will have a perceptible effect upon the shortage in the Northwest, for, while it will not entirely relieve the situation, it will go a long way toward affording the facilities lumber and shingle manufac-

an war preparations, etc., and the new papers, which are intensely interested in the developments, owing to the Anglo-Japanese alliance, are already publishing maps and estimates of the naval and milltary forces of the prospective belligerents and editorializing on the possibilities of the situation.

The greatest attention is paid to the changed tone of Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister in London, who is much less confident that peace will be preserved than he was a week ago. Inquiries in Japanese banking, shipping and commercial houses in London, however, elicited expressions of disbelief in the outbreak of

WAT It is noteworthy that the King has just approved the appointment of Vice-Admiral Sir Gerald Noel as Commander-in-Chief of the China station, Vice-Admiral Noel is an officer of great energy and decision. If was he who cleaned the Turkish troops out of Crete because of an insult to the

British flag. JAPAN RIDICULES IT.

Minister Lessar Held Wrong in Des-claring Convention Has Lapsed. YOKOHAMA, Oct. 12.-The announce-ment by M. Lessar, the Russian Ministea to China, that the Manchurlan conven-tion between Russia and China has lapsed

is received here with ridicule. Dispatches from Chee Foo report that a Russian warship and a transport with 500 troops left Port Arthur October 4 for Corea. Sixty Japanese civillans left Port Arthur for Nagasaki October 10.

The Russian forces at Niu Chwang are reported to have been increased.

General Kodama, the Japanese Home Minister, has been appointed chief as-sistant to the military staff. The Premler will assume General Kodama's port-

The Premier and the Ministers for War, Navy and Foreign Affairs had an audi-ence with the Emperor today. Baron von sen, the Russian Minister, and Baron Komura, the Japanese Foreign Minister, have not yet had a conference.

BRITAIN LESS OPTIMISTIC.

In Event of War, She Could Hardly Escape Supporting Japan.

LONDON, Oct. 12 .- Deprecating the ru ors of a Japanese ultimatum to Russia, Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister, in an interview today said he had no information of such character, adding that had Japan taken this action the Anglo-Japanese treaty would have necessitated my being informed, so I might inform the British government."

The Foreign Office says it has no confirmation of the reports of Japan's military movement at Mashampho, Japan has a occial settlement covering 650 acres at Chapopko, near Mashampho, granted to her by Corea in November as an offset

In spite of the reassuring statements of the Foreign Office and Baron Hayashi, the relteration that hostilities between Russia and Japan are imminent, the mys-terious movements of the Russian and Japanese fleets and the excited state of public opinion in Japan are beginning to cause disquiet in Great Britain, which, by reason of her alliance with Japan is so intimately concerned in any action which the latter may take in the far East. Only the most sanguine persons believe that in the event of hostilities they could be kept within the limits which would free Great

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clause is much abused. It provides that after a claimant has lived on his tract of land for 14 months, he can buy the entire lot for \$1.25 or \$2.50 an acre, according to its location with regard to

the nearest railroad. "Our action in suspending all these claims has not alarmed anyone, but has merely had the effect of stimulating the claim business. Applications are coming in at a rate flever before equaled, those

received during the last fiscal year being three times as many as in the preceeding | turers require.

National.

Contract for Seattle Public building is let to